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In re Application of:

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For: Audio Device, Method For
Managing Track Files, And Method
For Playing Back Tracks

Examiner: Not Assigned

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the document listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. A copy of the listed document required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
5,825,726	October 20, 1998	Hwang, et al.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed document be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,


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